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ORDINATION

On Sunday, November 12, an ecclesiastical council convened at the Chinese Congregational Church of San Francisco. Mr. Hon Cheung Shek, who had previously been examined by the Conference Committee on Ministerial Standing, presented his credentials indicating that he had received the equivalent of regular college and seminary training in China and in addition the Master of Sacred Theology degree from Pacific School of Religion. He was highly recommended by officials of the Church of Christ in China. He is an active member of the San Francisco church and on the faculty of our own Hip Wo School.

Following his statement, the council unanimously voted to proceed with the ordination, which was held the same evening, but after a very delicious dinner in the Tao Tao Restaurant, at which the delegates were guests of the church. Rev. Godfrey Matthews served as moderator of the council. The sermon by President Arthur C. McGiffert, the prayer of ordination by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, and the right hand of fellowship by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce were given in English, while the prayer of invocation by Rev. Ivan Y. Wong, the Scripture reading by Rev. T. T. Taam, and the charge to the candidate by Rev. B. Y. Leong were given in Chinese. The choir of the church furnished worshipful and enjoyable music. Mr. Shek plans to return to China as soon as feasible to devote himself as a teacher of theology and to translate notable works from English into Chinese.

JUNIOR HIGH RALLIES

Under the able leadership of Rev. Elmo Wolfe, the new sub-committee on Junior High work is making plans for a series of Junior High rallies, beginning February 4, for most of the areas in Northern California.

Junior Highs are seventh, eighth and ninth graders, 12 to 14-year-olds, and because they are not encouraged to come to P. F. Midwinter Conference (though ninth graders may come), these special rallies are being held.

Plans are already developing for two Junior High camps in July, 1945. Field Secretary Meyer serves as secretary of the Committee.

Y. P. COMMITTEE ELECTS

The Young People's Work Committee has elected Rev. Ralph V. Conard as chairman, Field Secretary W. W. Meyer as secretary, and Eleanor Miles as The Pacific reporter. The Committee approved camp directors for 1945 as follows: Sequoia, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian; Lakewood, Mr. George Linn; Lokoya, Rev. G. Arthur Casaday; Junior High No. 1, Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe. National Secretary Oliver Powell and National Pilgrim Fellowship President Ed Hawley expect to be present as leaders.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The interdenominational Pastoral Conference at Pacific School of Religion has been postponed and will be held a little later than usual, namely, March 6, 7 and 8. Among the speakers thus far announced are Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, Rev. Ernest L. Shaver, Rev. Stanley U. North, and Rev. Howard Thurman. Others will be announced shortly.

"New Frontiers"

With the theme "New Frontiers for Pilgrims," young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship will assemble at First Church, Stockton, for their annual Midwinter Conference, December 27 to 29. The complete program of the conference has appeared in the current issue of "The Light," official Pilgrim Fellowship paper, which has been sent to every church.

As previously announced, sleeping accommodations will be provided in dormitory style in the church. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe and Mrs. Scott Haymond, dean of men and dean of women, respectively, will be in charge.

Left to right: Mary Meadows, Stan Matthew, Ralph Cummings, Wim Meyer, Mike McGiffert, Dorothea Brookover.

Sending a strong delegation to this Midwinter Conference is one of the soundest investments a church can make in its youth work. Young people are sure to get not merely information and practical suggestions about the workings of the Pilgrim Fellowship in a local church, but enough enthusiasm and inspiration to guarantee real advances as they return to the local church.

We are glad to announce that the fee for the conference has been reduced from $5.00 to $4.50. Completed registrations with the fee must be sent by December 18 to Midwinter Registrar, 116 W. Willow St., Stockton 17, California. Additional registration cards and information may be secured from Rev. John H. Gregg, 1256 Divisadero St, Fresno 1, who is Midwinter Conference director

Rev. Homer Schwarz, of our new San Lorenzo project, needs a good typewriter and a two-drawer letter-size file. He will be glad to pay for the same. Write him at General Delivery, San Lorenzo, California.

FOR THE YEAR

At the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Directors, the following committee appointments were made:

Apportionment Distribution: Rev. John H. Gregg, Mrs. E. V. Krick, Rev. Burton M. Palmer.

Appropriations: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mr. David H. Gill.

Christian Education: Rev. David Stowe, Miss Alice Sanderson, Miss Edith Clark, Prof. H. E. Wornom, Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. Eugene Haynes, (one vacancy).

Finance: Messrs. C. S. Morse, A. J. Watson, W. Wallace Furze, B. A. Gayman, and Supt. Harley H. Gill.

Evangelism and Devotional Life: Rev. A. R. Boone, Rev. H. J. Loken, Mr. J. P. Senter, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries, Rev. Robert Whitaker, Rev. T. T. Giffen, and Rev. Frank E. Carlson.

Laymen's Commission: Messrs. Harold Avery, Peirce Coombes, Barrett Coates, George B. Martin, David H. Gill, N. F. Sanderson, Herbert Owen, John McPhail, (one vacancy).

Missionary Education and Promotion: Rev. Augustine Jones, Rev. E. F. Ouellette, Rev. Eugene Sill, Mr. Harold Avery, Mrs. J. H. Price, Mrs. W. W. Meyer, Miss Alice Sanderson, Rev. Ralph V. Conard.

Pre-Theological Students: Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Jr., Rev. S. C. Peabody, Rev. Holland F. Burr.

Religion in Higher Education: Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Dr. Bertha S. Mason, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. H. E. Dimock, Mr. Roy Nichols, Rev. John H. Gregg.

Social Action: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Vere V. Loper, Rev. Robert Inglis, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Buell Gallagher, Miss Mary Coxhead, Mr. Ralph G. Cole, Rev. G. A. Casaday.

Young People's Work: Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Rev. Henry Hayden, Miss Eleanor Miles, Mr. Michael McGiffert, Miss Eileen Johnson, Miss Mary Elizabeth Said.

Junior High Sub-Committee: Rev. Elmo Wolfe, Miss LaVerne Brookover, Miss Alice English, Rev. Byron Eshelman, (one vacancy).

THE CHURCH BUDGET

The budget is not sums to me!
It is children's happy faces;
It is missionaries who tell of Christ
In far-off heathen places.
It is sanctuary to which we go
For worship and for prayer;
It is the folks we're glad to know
In love and friendship there.
It is the organ's majestic roll
And anthems quite inspiring;
It is the preacher's honest them
Of a gospel that's untiring
It is an altar we call peace
In a world that is at war;
It is boys and girls in uniform
Whose return we're praying for.
It is the kingdom of our Lord
When evil has been turned to good;
It is the reigning of the Christ
In a world-wide brotherhood.

—Oracle.

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

By ELMER W. BENEDICT, Community Church, Pittsburg, California

Middleton Murray once said: "Man cannot accept certainties; he must discover them." Christmas is more than a day on the calendar; it is a great spirit, a great certainty. Christmas to Scrooge was an annoying day. He detested it. It meant goodwill and generosity, and these went against his nature. But when Scrooge discovered Christmas and saw his life in the light of the spirit of Christmas, he was changed from a grouch and a skinflint to a gracious gentleman. Then he took delight in giving and he discovered happiness when he sought to make others happy.

We need to re-discover Christmas this year. The whole world seems to run counter to the spirit of Christmas. Millions of men and women are in the armed forces; there is killing, cities lie in ruin, devastation and destruction walk abroad, and we at home are so fearful for our sons who are away in far places. Our tendency is to let these rampant forces enter into our hearts and color our spirits and rob us of our peace. But we must keep Christmas in our hearts. We must discover that amid the cataclysm of this war we can keep Christmas, and we will.

Christmas was the dream of the seers of the centuries, it is what our boys are fighting for, it is our cherished hopes, and it is the hope of the generations yet unborn.

Clothes Needed

A nation-wide Christmas Gift Campaign for a shipload of new clothing for Russian children will be conducted from December 11 to 25 by Russian War Relief. In this area, the Northern California Council of Churches, headed by the Rt. Rev. Sumner Walters of Fresno, and the California Junior Chamber of Commerce, whose president is J. Roger Deas of San Francisco, will sponsor the campaign. Representatives of these organizations are being appointed to serve as local co-chairmen in cities and towns throughout northern California.

The Rt. Rev. Karl Morgan Block, Rabbi Elliot M. Burstein and Dr. Henry F. Grady will serve as honorary chairmen of this effort to give American families opportunity to share their Christmas spirit with the youngsters who have paid such a terrific price for Russia's magnificent defense of its homeland.

To add a pair of socks, a warm suit of underwear, a scarf, a sweater, a simple dress or coat, to the family shopping list, or to knit or make such articles at home, is the appeal being made by the sponsors.

All church members are invited to participate in the program. If you know of no committee in your community, please send your Christmas gift to Russian War Relief, 360 Sutter Street, San Francisco 8, Calif. A tag with your name and address will be attached so that your gift will be accompanied by a personal Christmas message to an individual Russian child.

COMING IN

The movement launched by Rev. Edwin T. Sherman of Rio Vista to put The Pacific into every Congregational home in Northern California is meeting with real success in a number of parishes. Oakland Fruitvale and Hayward have made a practice of subscribing for each family: Berkeley First presents a one-year subscription to each new family uniting with the church; Palo Alto and San Carlos have recently subscribed for each officer; and Fresno Pilgrim for 100 copies to be distributed in addition to the individual subscriptions from the church.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

"Our quest for the good life" has been the theme for meetings at Plymouth House, Berkeley, during October and November. Studies have been made of St. Francis, Kagawa, Judson, Gandhi and Smuts. A retreat at Redwood Regional Park brought together 25 young people for devotional services, fellowship and recreation. Attendance at the meetings at Plymouth House has increased since the opening of the new term at the University. There have been weekly open-house gatherings and one very successful party for Service men. Rev. David Stowe, the director, conducts a weekly Bible study hour.

WE ADMIT IT

Rev. Albert D. Stauffacher, minister of the Missions Council, reports that data gathered regarding benevolence giving throughout the whole country indicates a splendid gain, and that Northern California is one of the top Conferences, with an increase of 15.1 per cent over 1943.

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HUNGER

Have you ever been really hungry, desperate for want of a little food, and not knowing where you could obtain it? Both minds and bodies falter before such a thought, and yet the condition is one being endured by millions throughout the world today. This poem by Lawrence Binyon phrases it almost too aptly:

"I come among the people like a shadow
I sit down by each man's side
None sees me, but they look on one another,
And know that I am there.
My silence is like the silence of the tide
That buries the playground of children;
Like the deepening frost in the slow night,
When birds are dead in the morning.
Armies trample, invade, destroy,
With guns roaring from earth and air.
I am more terrible than armies.
I am more feared than the cannon.
Kings and chancellors give commands;
I give no command to any;
But I am listened to more than kings
And more than passionate orators
I unswear words and undo deeds
Naked things know me.
I am first and last to be felt of the living.
I am HUNGER."

We are thankful that many of the dollars in our Fund for War Victims and Services help to alleviate the sufferings of hungry human beings.

—MIRIAM S. CONVERSE.

LODI IS THANKFUL

Rev. A. R. Boone, pastor of the Lodi First Church, called for a great missionary offering on Thanksgiving Sunday. The church had already met its goal of $1,500 for the year, but Mr. Boone wrote to his people as follows: "Out of the strife of a warring world a voice louder than ever before cries: 'LET'S TRY CHRIST'S WAY. ALL OTHER WAYS HAVE FAILED.'. Thousands of our boys who never before thought of Missions have now seen the convincing work and power of Missions. Many so vitally believe in Missions now that they are determined to go back AS MISSIONARIES after the war, IF there's money! Since this has been another GOOD year for us, let us make a BIG EXTRA offering for Missions in the enclosed special envelope." The response was more than $1,000.00.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 27-29—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Stockton.
January 18—Annual meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Alameda.
January 19-25—Mid-Winter Meetings, Cleveland, Ohio.
February 14—Ash Wednesday.
March 6-8—Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

A MONTH MORE

A most encouraging report in an encouraging year appears below. Careful attention by pastors and treasurers will make 1944 the most outstanding one from the point of view of benevolence contributions that we have had since before the great depression. The deadline for 1944 gifts will be January 10. The money must actually be in the office that date to be counted on this year's apportionment. The increase comes most fortunately because with greater living costs the expense of maintaining missionaries both at home and abroad is much greater than some time back. Besides this, there are splendid new opportunities which we must meet.

Church	Nov. 1944	Jan.1 to Nov.30,'44	Jan.1 to Nov.30,'43
Adin	$ 2.50	$ 5.00	$ 6.47
Alameda	96.09	819.10	696.30
Alturas	.....	82.39	84.66
Angels Camp	.....	112.77	112.50
Antioch	36.65	94.99	24.43
Auburn	10.00	141.60	110.00
Benicia	75.00	75.00	56.61
Berkeley, Arlington	.....	65.80	20.00
Chinese	.....	50.00	50.00
First	591.32	5,374.57	4,713.52
North	72.15	517.69	500.51
Northbrae	.....	304.50	.....
Park	.....	.....	171.24
Callahan	.....	.....	15.00
Campbell	71.00	226.00	260.00
Cedarville	.....	50.00	75.00
Cloverdale	18.60	100.31	101.60
Cotati	.....	96.14	63.38
Crockett	.....	121.71	99.81
Etna	.....	5.84	25.00
Eureka	125.61	488.58	378.97
Fairfax	25.00	97.79	30.75
Ferndale	.....	347.50	354.98
Fresno, First	148.76	1,210.00	1,165.33
Pilgrim	100.00	300.00	250.00
Glen Ellen	.....	73.55	54.60
Guerneville	.....	25.00	15.00
Hayward	.....	300.00	200.00
Kenwood	10.30	31.77	29.80
Likely	.....	.....	29.04
Lodi, First	1,300.00	3,188.78	1,478.25
Loleta	.....	52.22	39.70
Loomis	43.36	70.49	59.53
Martinez	42.62	345.88	380.52
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Niles	.....	55.00	.....
Oakland, First	468.85	5,028.85	4,900.00
Fruitvale	.....	45.00	45.00
Japanese	30.00	30.00	.....
Pilgrim	5.00	50.00	21.00
Plymouth	109.88	1,177.10	998.62
Orinda	9.00	54.00	.....
Oroville	.....	248.49	211.68
Pacific Grove	.....	281.54	264.88
Palo Alto	500.00	750.00	950.00
Paradise	25.00	300.00	282.70
Parlier	.....	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	84.59	40.82
Pescadero	.....	10.00	.....
Petaluma	275.25	698.40	534.49
Pittsburg	34.36	217.69	153.80
Port Chicago	24.32	130.14	11.42
Porterville	.....	600.00	400.00
Redwood City	.....	690.76	865.70
Rio Vista	44.00	88.00	14.00
Ripon	.....	250.16	198.65
Sacramento	80.00	880.00	743.35
Salida	30.00	132.00	90.00
San Carlos	15.00	153.01	101.31
San Francisco—			
Bethany Msn. Park	.....	223.00	216.92
Calvary	.....	30.00	.....
First	342.59	1,020.19	1,226.79
Ocean View	20.80	100.80	82.00
Park Presidio	.....	82.00	160.00
San Jose	84.80	700.69	665.00
San Leandro	11.85	132.50	117.99
San Mateo	80.80	1,247.96	873.17
San Rafael	13.40	118.40	119.00
Santa Cruz	75.00	720.00	600.00
San Rosa	.....	170.50	148.50
Saratoga	.....	465.80	458.13
Sebastopol	26.85	271.96	151.31
Sonoma	.....	113.50	126.89
Soquel	.....	178.00	89.10
Stockton	92.65	578.47	552.14
Suisun	.....	75.00	75.00
Sunnyvale	.....	81.65	71.00
Tulare	.....	500.00	411.00
Weaverville	70.00	140.00	100.00
Woodside	.....	53.80	20.00
Reno, Nev.	50.08	544.34	480.74
*Miscellaneous & Individual	106.50	1,397.22	1,109.29
	$5,394.94	$35,806.48	$30,430.89

*Includes individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German Churches.

ORINDA. Rev. Palmer Day Williams has set out upon a program of visiting every home in the region. During his illness, Mrs. Williams occupied the pulpit most acceptably. A new organization for Servicemen's wives is being launched. A budget almost double that required previously is nearly subscribed.

PORTERVILLE. A baptismal font is to be installed as a memorial to Carl Galligan, devoted member of this church. It came about as a result of voluntary gifts from friends and neighbors, for some such purpose, placed in the hands of the pastor, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith. It will have walnut finish to match the communion table.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. The Tri-S Club accepted responsibility for the Thanksgiving Sunday service, and participated using the garb of Pilgrims. Three hundred hat holders were presented to the church and affixed to the pews to hold men's hats. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

PITTSBURG. The Sunday School puts on a special missionary program once a month, taking a missionary offering by the use of envelopes. During the past three months there has appeared in the church bulletin each Sunday a write-up on "What the church means to me." Rev. Elmer W. Benedict is pastor.

GLEN ELLEN. Nine new members, five of them on confession, were received on December 3. Increased atendance makes necessary the purchase of additional communion cups. Rev. C. C. Champlin is planning a dinner meeting at which all persons received during his pastorate will be guests.

SANTA CRUZ. A special service was held dedicating a Service flag, containing the names of over 150 young people in the Services. Evangelistic meetings are being held, sponsored by sixteen churches, including the Congregational. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

EUREKA. Layman's' Missionary Sunday was observed with an all-family social hour at 5 p. m., followed by the showing of a good-will picture and other missionary features, and on Thanksgiving Day a union service was held for the whole community. Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. More than $500 is now in a church building fund. Rev. Eugene Sill and his choir participated in the union Thanksgiving service of the churches west of Twin Peaks. The annual bazaar netted over $200.

SEBASTOPOL. The By-Laws of the church have been amended so as to provide a council for the co-ordination of the work of the several departments and organizations. Fifteen sponsors for Pacific School of Religion have enrolled. Mr. James P. Senter is pastor.

PALO ALTO. This church was the first to respond to the suggestion that all church officers be given subscriptions to The Pacific. Thirty-eight subscriptions came in time to begin with the November issue.

STOCKTON. Rev. Noel J. Breed is again conducting a Sunday evening book hour. The church has received a bequest of $500 from the estate of a member who in life was a generous supporter.

PESCADERO. Rev. William F. Keeney, student at Pacific School of Religion, who is acting pastor of the Methodist Church at Half Moon Bay, is serving this church.

THE PACIFIC notes with interest the acceptance of Rev. Howard Conn of a call to Plymouth Church, Minneapolis. The many California friends of Howard and Viola wish them well in their new field of service.

LODI, FIRST. This church ranked seventh in northern California in the first nine months of this year in per capita giving for war victims and services, and made a special contribution of more than $257 in addition on the second Sunday of November. The by-laws of the church have been revised. There is fine interest in a youth group of ages 9 to 13, known as "Junior Pilgrim Pioneers" with the pastor, Rev. A. R. Boone, as leader.

SANTA ROSA. Rev. Gordon Foster conducts a Thursday evening vesper service and a class on the Old Testament. Currently, his sermon subjects are on the life and writings of Paul. Sunday School, Pilgrim Fellowship, Plymouth Club, and the Mothers' Club, continue activities in the Congregational church, but Sunday worship is held jointly with the Presbyterian Church in its very commodious building.

SAN MATEO. The church is making steady and substantial gain in its benevolence giving. Fifteen new members were received October 15, making a total of 85 thus far this year. Sunday School attendance averages 30 more than a year ago. Two youth groups, Junior and Senior High, are having splendid attendance. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham is editor of the new Manual for Pastor's Class, which is in process of preparation.

SAN LORENZO. Rev. Homer Schwarz and the workers which he has enlisted are reaching every family in the area by mail and personal call just as rapidly as possible. The houses in "The Village" are filling up at the rate of fifty per week. The parish is to be organized on the "colony" plan. Sunday School is under way and the beginning made of a business and professional people's club.

MARTINEZ. Fifty new members have been received during 1944. Nearly $700 is on hand for new chimes. On the last Sunday in November the pulpit was occupied by Chaplain Verdette Walters, former pastor of the church. Sunday School attendance is 20 per cent ahead of one year ago. Rev. T. T. Giffen is pastor.

CROCKETT. Rev. Virgil Carlson reports that the work so far is going exceedingly well, with very good attendance at all services. A reception was held for the new pastor, who was given a shower of canned fruits and jellies. The Bible readings suggested by the American Bible Society are being used as a basis for meditation.

SOQUEL. Two of the church members are assisting Rev. T. D. Preston, the pastor, in giving religious instruction to 52 pupils from the grammar school on released time. A troop of Girl Scouts has been organized in Aptos. The parsonage has been sold and a much more commodious house near the church has been secured.

SAN JOSE. Steadily this church draws to itself excellent people who are community leaders. Twelve splendid new members were received at the last communion. Rv. Stephen C. Peabody is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Besides regular worship services at Angels Camp and Murphys, Rev. John G. Dickey spoke at Big Trees, White Pines, and Fricot, and this in spite of a sprained ankle.

PETALUMA. The first service of worship in the new sanctuary was held, very appropriately, December 3, the first Sunday in Advent. Rev. Edward F. Ouellette is pastor.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

LAND, FIRST. A playlet written s Mary Seely, bringing out what ed natives have done in saving lping the boys in the war areas, e center of the program of the n's League Thank Offering Serv- he offering amounted to $437.51. ets of stained-glass windows, in of three each, memorials to men omen of the Armed Services, were ted on November 12. In the cen- nel of one group is Michael, slayer forces of evil, while in the center of the adjoining windows is the and in the other the shield with oss. In the center panel of the sec- et is Gabriel, the angel of good s, one hand lifted in blessing, the carrying the lily of faith. In the s of the side panels are the olive n and the dove of peace. In the border of both panel groups are suggesting the American flag, the h flag, and the Red Cross emblem. ksgiving baskets were packed and buted; and gifts of money were re- d through the Sunday School for ren in China. On Thanksgiving Sun- the congregation responded to Rev. nce Reidenbach's sermon: "It Is d to Give Thanks," with their pledge for the coming year.

AN FRANCISCO, FIRST. The annual ings of the Church and Society were following a box luncheon after ning service on Sunday, November Reports from the various depart- showed gains and, financially king, the year closed "in the black." Thank Offering Sunday, Supt. Har- H. Gill was the preacher. A chorus eventy-five voices will present "The siah" on the afternoon of December under the direction of Claude A. rd. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce is the or.

ERKELEY ARLINGTON AVENUE. church school has reached a high of , with attendance of 104 crowding the limit the very inadequate quarters. Women's Association put on their t Holiday Festival, clearing $171. At Town Hall a group of deeply inter- ed people saw the film "A Challenge Democracy" and learned much about ocated Japanese Americans from Mr. ctor Furth, representative of the WRA. v. Herbert Dimock is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. v. Donald Gaylord, the pastor, an- unces that definite plans have been de for a union service in the Mission strict on V.E.-Day or the day imme- tely following. Grace United Church ll be open for private prayer all that y. The church is happy in the posses- n of some 137 new hymnals, all pre- ted as memorials. The annual harvest tival netted an income of more than 600.00.

ADIN. A new set of front steps have en built, the walls of the church have en tied together with steel rods, and a w entrance arranged. A new shingle of is also being installed. Rev. Janie Millan Lewis, pastor, is making splen- d progress in bringing together a church ganization representative of many ele- nts in the community.

RIO VISTA. Pilgrim Fellowship has id its pledge for State work. The Sun- y School room and social hall have en replastered and painted, with new apes for the windows. The Pilgrim llowship took care of the repairs on e stage. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt, pastor, writes that the fall work opened with especially fine prospects, attendance at church, Sunday school, and Young People's meetings much in advance of last year. A high school girls' choir furnished music at the morning worship hour. The church gathered 380 pounds of warm and usable clothing for overseas relief. The Women's Service Club combined its monthly meeting with a birthday surprise party for the pastor, in celebration of his 70th anniversary. The art glass window in the front of the church was damaged to the extent of $350 by the Port Chicago explosion. A beautiful plaque and honor roll for the Service men, with sixty names, has been dedicated.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Francis W. Russell, Presbyterian minister from Palo Alto, has been secured as interim minister while the committee carries forward its search for a new pastor. Rev. Charles E. Ward terminated his pastorate on November 12 and has announced that he will go into business. Dr. Russell will conduct services, give counsel to the various departments, and visit those who are ill and in need of pastoral service. The annual every-member canvass is going forward, with a budget of $5,920 for current expenses and $1000 for missions.

ALAMEDA. This church was host to the union Thanksgiving Service in the city. Young People's groups have been presenting a number of guest speakers, including Rev. Charles Stanley, formerly of China; Rev. R. R. Keithahn, formerly of India; and Rev. Charles E. Lord of the Alameda Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Ralph V. Conard, and his entire congregation were delighted to welcome the pulpit guest of November 26—Lt. Col. Gail Cleland, who spent about ten days in this area.

RENO. A "flower calendar" offers opportunity for individuals to supply flowers so that the committee has material for beautiful decorations each Sunday. A lovely altar arrangement of fruit, grain and flowers from the Thanksgiving service was held over to be enjoyed another week. Attendance is at a high level. The pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, and Mrs. Rice entertained the choir for a musical evening in appreciation of its exceptional service.

SAN CARLOS. The last three Sundays in October a series of Sunday evening institutes were conducted to acquaint the church with religious needs and opportunities outside the local area. Speakers included Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Prof. Hugh Vernon White, and Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, presenting the work in California, the world crisis now before the church, and the logic and field of Social Action. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

PARADISE. The repair and building program is almost finished, which will provide more adequate space for church activities. The annual bazaar and turkey dinner were a "huge" success, the women's Thank Offering was the largest in its history, and 650 pounds of garments in good condition were gathered for the UNNRA. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Rev. Todd Sperling, the pastor, has been laid up with a fractured leg, which prevented his attendance at the State Conference. Even so, the church met its quota of registrations. Fifty-five names of Servicemen are on the honor roll.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Fourteen new members were received at a candle-light communion service on Thanksgiving Eve. Among the group were three ministers and their families—the pastor, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, his wife and daughter; Rev. Frank E. Carlson, his wife and daughter; and Rev. and Mrs. William W. Meyer. More than 100 people have attended each of three most successful family night celebrations. The parish house, partially destroyed by fire, is being removed. Prof. E. B. Babcock, Moderator, wrote an Armistice hymn which had its initial public performance by the choir on November 12.

GUERNEVILLE. Four more new members have been received. The average attendance at the young people's meetings has been 26. The adult discussion group meeting on Sunday evenings at the parsonage has been started. It has been decided to sell the old parsonage and set the money aside to build a new one after the war. Thanksgiving Sunday was a red letter day, with a pageant at the Sunday School hour, a potluck dinner following morning worship, and vespers in the evening. Rev. Henry Hayden, the pastor, was chairman of the Rotary Thanksgiving program.

SALIDA. The Harvest Home Festival was a success. Gifts of fruit and vegetables were brought to the church for decoration and consecration on Sunday morning, and an auction followed on Monday, when over $200 came in for the building fund and the Bethany Circle treasury. A children's choir gives a special number at the Sunday morning service, and this same group forms a Bible study class at six-thirty on Sunday evenings. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

LODI, EBENEZER. At the annual Mission Festival, on November 12, Rev. Conrad Sauer of Denver was the guest speaker. The attendance was well over 300, the overflow audience being taken care of with the aid of a public address system. Every dollar that came in during the three gatherings of the day, Sunday School and morning worship, afternoon, and evening C. E. and worship service, a total of $1,736.10, was given to missions. Rev. F. W. Gross is the pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A gift of $600 was given by the parents of a young service man who lost his life in an airplane accident, $100 to put the athletic equipment for the boys in the neighborhood into shape, and the remaining $500 as a nest-egg for the building of a chapel in the east transept of the church. Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Inglis and their family now occupy the beautiful new parsonage which the church recently purchased.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Rev. Byron Eshelman, pastor, is secretary-treasurer of the Oakland Ministerial Fellowship. A new monthly bulletin announcing all of the activities of the church is being published under the care of a layman. New concrete steps have been installed, the social room has been improved and redecorated, and landscaping is next in order.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Rev. Vere V. Loper, pastor, has been loaned by the church for a speaking trip to the armed forces in Alaska under the auspices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He will be away for a month, returning the middle of December.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At the annual "fun-nite" 516 people were in attendance and the profit of $256 will be used for equipment for the Sunday School. Recently a "Magic Chef" stove was presented to the church, to the delight of the women. The Men's Club, with a membership of 305, held a monthly dinner, served by the Broadmoor Breakfast Club. The Women's Society presented the church with a beautiful silk Christian flag; also sponsored a cafeteria dinner and bazaar, netting about $240; and recently sent several hundred pounds of clothing to the UNNRA. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

CAMPBELL. The first unit of the "war expansion" work has been completed, a basement room for work among boys. Money is now being raised to build other rooms for Sunday School and social activities. At the first fall meeting of the Community Forum, sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship, Harry C. Warwick, chaplain of San Quentin, led the discussion on "Prevention is better than cure." The "Sigma" business women's group has sent 45 APO Christmas parcels to Service men and will care for another 40 in the home camps. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

BENICIA. A new $900 circulating air furnace has been installed. The grounds about the building are being landscaped. Chancel alterations are going forward. A part time secretary has been secured. The E. M. C. for a greatly enlarged budget is proceeding satisfactorily. Rev. Elmo Wolfe, the pastor, and forty of his people joined with Chaplain John P. Lindsay in arranging a Thanksgiving Sunday evening service at the arsenal, with Supt. Harley H. Gill as the preacher.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. The union Thanksgiving service for South Berkeley was held in this building. Average church attendance for November was 175. A town meeting series has been announced for December. Mr. Roy Nichols was speaker over KRE on a recent Sunday evening, and also at a conference of California Youth Authority in Sacramento. The church is giving Christmas gifts to children in Japanese relocation centers.

FRESNO, FIRST. The women's Thank Offering, in spite of rain and election day, was the largest in the history of the church. Two hundred thirty people were crowded into the social hall for the Harvest Home dinner and many were turned away. Forty high school young people are now on the roll of the Pilgrim Fellowship, and its pledge has been paid in full. The church's quota of fifty sponsors for Pacific School of Religion has been secured. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. This church has a Home Department of the Church School. Those who enroll agree to read at least one chapter from the Bible a week, presumably the one from which the pastor, Rev. James B. Orr, is to preach the following Sunday. The same chapter is used in the school the week following. The Ladies' Guild took in $300 at their annual bazaar.

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No meeting in December. Annual Meeting in Alameda, January 18.

BUSY ON MANY PROJECTS

The Women's Federation met in the chapel of the First Church, Oakland, on the usual third Thursday of the month, November 20. At the Executive Board session, held immediately preceding the general meeting, the three principal topics for discussion were the place for holding the Annual Meeting in January, the question of the continuance of the Program suggestions, and the situation at Grant's Hospital, together with further word from the Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. R. A. Fuller.

As to the first, Mrs. Scott Haymond, President, asked for an invitation from one of the Bay Association churches. A later report from Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, states that the meeting will be held in the Alameda Church, Thursday, the 18th of January, convening at 10 o'clock. The ladies of the church will furnish lunch at a cost of 75 cents. There will be special speakers, and the usual reports of our year's work, together with the installation of the officers who are to lead us through the coming year.

With regard to the second, a change was decided upon. The 2nd Vice-President, upon whom, in conjunction with the Reading List Chairman, the labor of preparing these Program Suggestions falls, has for some time been endeavoring to find out whether the women of the Federation felt that the Suggestions were needed, in view of the excellent material furnished by the publication of "Guideposts," concerning which Mrs. E. E. McClintock had spoken frequently on her recent visit to this coast. After some discussion, it was voted to discontinue the Suggestions for this year, and instead to use the funds which would otherwise be spent on them, in subscribing for a copy of "Guide-posts" to be sent to each church. This will be an experiment for this year.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller reported that the Thank Offerings this year were showing a large increase all along the line. Auburn, which had just reported to her, had raised three times as much as last year. Oakland First had an increase of over seventy-five dollars. Other churches were doing proportionately well. The object to which the Social Action 3 per cent is to be allocated has not yet been decided upon, but will quite probably be toward the financing of a "Race Relations Embassy" to work with the young people of the West Coast. As to the situation at Grants, the news had been difficult to secure, though we learned that the Government had been using the hospital up until November. A committee was appointed to communicate with the New York office and with Rev. C. E. Crawford, worker among the people of the Southwest area, to see what could be learned. Word has since come from Mr. Crawford which is the most encouraging we have had for some time, and we hope to have good news to give at the Annual Meeting.

The general meeting opened with the report of the Foreign Field Secretary, Mrs. James H. Price, Assistant Secretary, speaking for Mrs. Ernest Evans. Mrs. Price told of the safety of Dr. Charles Lupton Gillette, gave some additional facts regarding the death of Miss Mary McClure, and called on Mrs. Dennis Goodsell, 3rd Vice-President, to bring us the latest word from Mrs. Linda Goodsell Blake, whom most of us know personally. Mrs. Blake left Izmir last June to return to America. She missed the boat at Cairo and returned to Jerusalem for two months, finally embarking from Port Said on a Norwegian boat which was convoyed all the way. Her boys made themselves most useful throughout the trip, "tarring" the boat, or peeling potatoes, or whatever was "the next thing."

Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, reported that most of the quotas had been filled, and those which remained will be cared for. Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, told us that the bill for peace-time conscription will not come up until January. She said that the younger members of the various Japanese Relocation Camps wish to stay in the Middle West, as they were received there as equals, but the older members, quite naturally, wish to return to the West Coast, where most of their lives have been spent.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, of the Speakers' Bureau, said that out-of-town calls for speakers were difficult to fill in these days, and asked that churches or societies would plan to give her ample notice in advance. Mrs. Earl Doxsee, Secretary of the Christian Home, who had been prevented by illness from giving her report on the Mills Conference when other conference reports were given in August, gave a very full and interesting summary of the lectures and talks at Mills.

Mrs. Bayard Buckham, Prayer Guild Secretary, based her devotional on the idea of spiritual nourishment. From our family we get steadiness and a sense of security; from our friends, both in the church and out, we get balance; from our contacts farther removed, such as our book acquaintances, we get stimulation.

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Chairman, said that the supplementary reading lists are now out and can be obtained from her. She mentioned "The Man Who Gave Us Christmas," the story of Luke, by Winifred Kirkland, published by the Women's Press. She also stated that the book we have all been looking forward to, "The Missionary Doctor," by Dr. Mary Cushman, is now off the press. The latest issue of "Guideposts" has a beautiful Christmas meditation.

Mrs. J. H. McCartney, Bay Association President, spoke of the successful bazaar and luncheon held recently at the Fruitvale Church, of the meeting at Broadmoor which Mrs. Fuller addressed, and of the Santa Cruz meeting where Mrs. McCartney herself spoke of her trip to Grand Rapids.

Dr. Hugh Vernon White, the speaker for the afternoon, spoke on "Tomorrow with the American Board." The Prudential Committee has appointed a committee of nine to study the whole program of the Board in view of post-war problems. A questionnaire sent out brought back such a flood of suggestions that the difficulty was in culling the most important. Three generalizations may be made: (a) The world will be economically prostrate and spiritually demoralized. Many things, such as feeding the starving, will come up for first attention, but will be temporary only. Many missionaries will be engaged in this work, as, indeed, many are now. (b) There will be deep and bitter antagonisms in many parts of the world. (c) The spirit of Nationalism will be heightened everywhere. This spirit, when kept within bounds, may be a good thing. Dr. White instanced Syria, where that spirit had been the means of an enlarging vision.

THEY GO TO TOWN

When five minister set out down the street, shoulder to shoulder, to seek new recruits for the Church, things are bound to happen! And they did happen, December 5th, when a team of four visiting pastors, led by Field Secretary Meyer, joined with Rev. Homer Schwarz to carry out a section of the survey of the new San Lorenzo Village. The other ministers were Rev. Eugene Haynes, Rev. Byron Eshelman, and Rev. Herbert Dimock. Still others have promised to help at a later date. Home after home has children ready for Church School, and young parents who are glad to hear about the Church and its growing program. Here is one place, among others, where our Conference is "carrying the ball."

PRACTICING

Frank Stewart, of the Cleveland (O.) Press, devotes his entire column to the human interest story of Rev. Mineo Katagiri, Japanese American from Hawaii, who has recently been installed as interim pastor at the Dover Congregational Church in Westlake, Ohio.

Columnist comments: "The thing he told us, both in word and personal appearance, was that religion is for men of all colors, races, creeds and beliefs. . . . Here was a Japanese American talking to a group of church people, and it was the same truth Dover church has heard for all of its 133 years. . . . Take a run out to Dover Congregational. . . . You'll get a new inspiration and idea about the brotherhood of man."

RALLY OF GERMAN CHURCHES

The fall rally of the Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies of the German churches was held Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, the Saturday evening meeting at Zion Church, Fresno, and Sunday evening at Biola. The pastors of the German churches of the area participated and also Field Secretary William W. Meyer and Rev. John H. Gregg. As usual the rally brought out a large attendance.

D D D D DAY

Here is how one church "D"o Porterville announces "D" day, means that on that "'D"ay every tributor is asked to 'D'ecide what t onate for another year and 'D'eliv enclosed card signed on the 'D'otte If pledges total $1,000 more tha year (20 per cent increase), 'D' da be 'V' day (financially speaking three-fold result will follow: (1) th sonage loan can be paid in full w delay; (2) the quota for missions raised to $800, more like what a of our size ought to be giving; an the pastor's salary can be increased as many now think it should be count of higher cost of living. 'V 'V'erily, we can 'D'o it without 'D'

MR. AND MRS. MAS WAKA

Word has been received that the Masayoshi Wakai, one of the two men ordained in the Tanforan Relo Center in 1942, was married in the of the Chicago Theological Semina Miss Helen Miyoshi on Septembe PACIFIC extends its very best wish Mr. and Mrs. Wakai.

CHAPLAIN REIGHARD HER

Chaplain Edward Reighard, on from the U.S.S. Houston, is spendi few weeks in the Bay area, has v Plymouth House, where he for served, the Conference office, and other friends.

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